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## **Water and Waste Water Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, January 5, 2026 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM**

Attendees: Mike Swick, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Shannon Woodard, Tyler Weber, Brent Benefiel, Amy Tarr, Scott Rubsam and Brock Kessler

Meeting began at 6:00 PM.

- There have been reoccurring sewer issues on Reynolds St. and Walnut St. that were addressed. Mr. Woodard and the committee discussed ways to alleviate the problem. The best solution is for the city to install a new 8" sewer main, consisting of two manholes and roughly 250' feet of pipe, which in return provides access for the homeowners to tie in to. It will then be the responsibility and expense of the homeowner to make the residential service line connection to the new main.

Shannon Woodard left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

- Brent informed the committee of a part at the sewer plant, called the mother board, that has quit working. He has purchased the replacement and will have a purchase order on the next agenda for the new part. It will take roughly a month to receive.
- Mr. Benefiel also voiced concerns with the absence of man power in the water department. The water and sewer departments are the only departments working in the ground on said infrastructure. Missing another body puts a strain on not only the water department, but also him and Mr. Rubsam in the sewer department.
- Hoerr Construction is said to be here sometime in January to take video and begin to clean out the main. Hope to begin the sewer relining project in February.
- Tyler Weber and Amy Tarr presented the Badger Water Meter System to the committee. The city purchased 10 trial meters 3 months ago. Tyler and Amy have been able to review what this new system is all capable of and has to offer. Our current water meter system will reach its end of life support by 2028. The city needs to decide the next steps. Mrs. Tarr and Mr. Weber both reported positive feedback with the Badger Water System trial meters. The new system would be budgeted over two fiscal years and hopefully be fully implemented to our residents within 18 months after arrival.
- The water plant needs a new chlorine generator. The estimated cost is \$29,000 and will be budgeted in the next fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by:  
**Mike Swick - Chairman**